

In the Claims:

Claims 1 to 30 (canceled).

1       31. (currently amended) A combination for establishing an  
2       electrical and mechanical interconnection, comprising:  
3               a first article including a first article casing and  
4               a first conductive part being an electric wire;  
5               a second article including a second article casing and  
6               a second conductive part; and  
7               an electrical connector including an electrically  
8               insulating housing with a cavity therein, an electrically  
9               conductive contact member that is received at least  
10               partially in said cavity of said housing, and a  
11               connector-side mechanical fixing structure provided on said  
12               housing;  
13               wherein said contact member includes a crimped wire  
14               terminal that is mechanically and electrically connected to  
15               said electric wire of said first article by being crimped  
16               thereon, and a contacting part that is exposed from said  
17               housing and pressed against and electrically contacted with  
18               said second conductive part of said second article; [[and]]  
19               wherein one casing of said first article casing and  
20               said second article casing has a first recess in said  
21               casing, said housing of said electrical connector is at  
22               least partially fitted into and received in said first  
23               recess, and said connector-side mechanical fixing structure  
24               mechanically engages with a portion of said one ~~of~~ ~~said~~  
25               first article casing and ~~said second article~~ casing and

26 thereby mechanically fixes said electrical connector  
27 thereto. thereto; and

28 wherein said portion of said one casing comprises a  
29 casing-side mechanical fixing structure in said first  
30 recess, and said connector-side mechanical fixing structure  
31 is mechanically engaged with said casing-side mechanical  
32 fixing structure.

Claim 32 (canceled).

1 33. (currently amended) The combination according to claim  
2 [[32,]] 31, wherein said connector-side mechanical fixing  
3 structure comprises a fitting groove, said casing-side  
4 mechanical fixing structure comprises a protrusion on a  
5 sidewall of said first recess, and said protrusion  
6 fittingly engages into said fitting groove when said  
7 electrical connector is at least partially fitted into and  
8 received in said first recess.

1 34. (currently amended) The combination according to claim  
2 [[32,]] 31, wherein said connector-side mechanical fixing  
3 structure comprises a locking pawl protruding from said  
4 housing, said casing-side mechanical fixing structure  
5 comprises a catch rim, and said locking pawl engages onto  
6 said catch rim when said electrical connector is at least  
7 partially fitted into and received in said first recess.

1       35. (currently amended) The combination according to claim 31,  
2       wherein said portion of said one of said first article  
3       casing and said second article casing casing-side  
4       mechanical fixing structure comprises a sidewall of said  
5       first recess, said connector-side mechanical fixing  
6       structure comprises at least one elastically deflectable  
7       wing protruding laterally from said housing, and said  
8       elastically deflectable wing is elastically deflected and  
9       elastically urged to press and engage against said sidewall  
10      when said electrical connector is at least partially fitted  
11      into and received in said first recess.

1       36. (previously presented) The combination according to claim  
2       31, wherein said housing of said electrical connector is  
3       press-fitted and frictionally engaged into said first  
4       recess.

1       37. (currently amended) The combination according to claim 31,  
2       wherein another casing of said first article casing and  
3       said second article casing not having said first recess has  
4       a second recess therein, and said housing of said  
5       electrical connector is at least partially fitted into and  
6       received in said second recess.

1       38. (currently amended) The combination according to claim 31,  
2       wherein said second conductive part of said second article  
3       is a circuit board contact pad, and said first article  
4       casing is said one of said casings casing that has said  
5       first recess therein.

1       39. (currently amended) The combination according to claim 31,  
2       wherein said second conductive part of said second article  
3       is a circuit board contact pad, and said second article  
4       casing is said one of ~~said casings~~ casing that has said  
5       first recess therein.

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